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Lyman-Morse to Build 65' Custom Cold-Molded Sailing Yacht

Thomaston, Maine: Construction is underway at Lyman-Morse Thomaston on a 65' sailing yacht designed by Stephens Waring Yacht Design of Belfast, Maine.

Drew Lyman, President of Lyman-Morse and his team spent the spring and early summer months working closely with SWYD and the owners fine-tuning the design and construction process. LM built a full-scale mockup of the boat in March plus an alternative mockup of the master stateroom and guest cabin. This set up enabled the owner, LM Team and designers to walk through a couple of different layouts of the project to further fine tune the cockpit and interior layout according to the owners wishes.

"The owner came to us for our expertise in systems engineering and installation; our attention to detail and responsiveness to owners' requests," said Lyman. "In addition, our strength also lies in quality and cost management, both of which are crucial in a project this complex."

The mission of this modern classic sloop is first and foremost on easy day-sailing, and having fun with friends and family. The roomy cockpit flows into the raised saloon that features large, drop windows in the aft bulkhead for easy socializing and communications between exterior and interior spaces. Accommodations designed by SWYD in collaboration with Martha Coolidge Design provide for 6, though overnights and cruising are not top priorities for the owners. However, purposeful crew accommodations for delivery up and down the eastern seaboard were specified. And the owners' cabin forward has all the creature comforts commensurate with a yacht of this caliber.

While the owners' racing agenda is light, this boat will no doubt perform around buoys and make efficient passagemaking the norm. The sloop-rigged yacht is fitted with a large main and self-tacking jib for easy everyday sailing. The yacht is made race-ready by switching to a manually tacked jib along with downwind sails and cruising spinnaker to help round-out the inventory for racing; or sailing on lighter days.

The talent of every LM department will be tapped. Precision on every front is required in such a highly engineered boat. Hull is built of composite cold-molded wood laminates over laminated Douglas Fir frames and sheathed in fiberglass for abrasion protection. The deck is engineered of foam cored plywood skins and teak planking on the exterior. Deep bulwarks make a graceful deck and add offshore security. Interior partitions and bulkhead are of marine grade plywood with high-quality wood veneer and solid wood cabinetry; all interior components are acoustically isolated from hull structure and machinery. *Anna* will be certified ABS / ISO construction standards.

The cold-molded hull construction is a transparent one in that the hull and structure is left exposed on the interior rather than being covered up with ceiling and hull panels. Douglas fir deck beams, traditional raised and v-groove paneling, bright varnish and white painted surfaces will make it a light, airy interior. LM Fabrication will manufacture the gorgeous gleaming, custom designed deck hardware including the rail systems, butterfly hatch hardware, amidships boarding step and various structural components.

LM systems team is on task installing push button hydraulic systems, including the amidships boarding platform and the anchor launching system. To deploy the anchor, one simply opens the hatch and presses a button. While underway the anchor stows neatly and flush below the teak deck hatch. Once at anchor, the amidships board platform can also be deployed. Boarding steps will fold out automatically into position as the platform is lowered. This all in one platform and provides for the easiest access to tenders, docks, and whatever waters invite you for a swim.

Expected launch date is Spring 2018.

Specifications

LOA: 65 ft. – 6 in. (20 m)

LWL: 47 ft. - 10 in. (14.6 m)

Beam: 16 ft. - 10 in. (5.1 m)

Draft: 7 ft. - 6 in. (2.3 m)

Displacement: 57,000 lbs. 25,850 kg

Sail Area: 2040 sq. ft. (190 sq. m)

Drawing on Thomaston, Maine's 200-year tradition of shipbuilding and fine craftsmanship, Lyman-Morse is one of the world's finest custom and semi-custom builder of and service provider for sailing and motor yachts. A family run, father and son business, Lyman-Morse specializes in composites, advanced composites and aluminum construction. Discriminating owners, world-class naval architects and designers all come to Lyman-Morse knowing that they are expert in any medium and are able to deliver dreams on time and on budget. Since the yard's founding in 1978, more than 100 yachts have been sent down the St. George River ranging in scope from carbon fiber catamarans and traditional sailing sloops to not-so traditional carbon racing monohulls, stately motor yachts and sportfish powerboats to sporty jet boats and daysailers.

Lyman-Morse's broad-ranging capabilities are showcased not only by workmanship of the 90 plus-skilled workforce, but also by modern, energy efficient and expansive facilities. The 11-acre Thomaston campus features 7 heated work buildings with 55,000 square feet of space for refit and repair/and boatbuilding. Servicing fine yachts is a natural outgrowth of boatbuilding. Repairs, rebuilds and servicing ship systems, along with upgrading gear and seasonal maintenance are handled by the service division of the company. In Camden, Lyman-Morse at Wayfarer Marine gives the company an increased visibility and the opportunity to return the Camden yard to its former glory as New England's go-to service yard. The LM Service team of experienced bluewater sailors and builders understand what proper maintenance is all about and is the reason experienced, and demanding yachtsmen deliver their yachts to Lyman-Morse.

The combination of state-of-the-art facilities with some of the world's finest craftsmen has allowed Lyman-Morse to expand into areas outside the marine world. In Rockland, Lyman-Morse Fabrication is fast becoming the source for custom-made metal fabrication projects in New England. LM Fabrication provides custom design, engineering and fabrication for projects of virtually any scale. This division mirrors the boatbuilding and service divisions in that it specializes in complex, difficult commercial, municipal and residential design projects regardless of job size, installation challenges or scope of work. Lyman-Morse Technologies is the research, development and prototyping division of the company. LMT works with architects, interior designers, business and home owners and government agencies including the Department of Defense to meet the most interesting needs. LMT fuses state-of-the-art electrical design with nuanced manufacturing approaches in an effort to bring diversified, innovative product solutions to the renewable energy market, private and public sectors.

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